

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, because the cited reference does not disclose or suggest the flexible cable extending substantially parallel to one of the substrates where the flexible cable is bonded to the substrate and between the wall part of the lower cover and the wall part of the upper cover, as described in claim 1.

In the present invention, a flexible cable extends substantially parallel from where it is bonded to a substrate and between the wall parts of the lower and upper covers, as shown in Fig. 3. This arrangement prevents the flexible cable from peeling off the substrate, as in the conventional configuration shown in Fig. 9 of the present application.

The Lee et al. reference discloses an arrangement similar to that of the conventional configuration shown in Fig. 9. In other words, the reference discloses that the cable 240 is perpendicular to the substrate 214 at the portion which extends between the sides of the upper frame 300 and top chassis 100, as shown in Fig. 20. Therefore, Lee et al. does not disclose or suggest the flexible cable which extends substantially parallel to the substrate of a liquid crystal panel where the flexible cable is bonded to the substrate and between the wall parts of the lower and upper covers, as described in claim 1. For this reason, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-4 are allowable over Lee et al.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

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